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SUBJECT: VESCO CASE

1. LOCAL PAPERS YESTERDAY CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT JOSE MARTI FIGUERES, PRESIDENT'S SON AND VICE PRESIDENT OF SAN CRISTOBAL, WAS DENIED OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY AT SEC VESCO TRIAL ALTHOUGH HE REQUESTED TO BE HEARD. SEC ATTORNEY KUSHNER REPORTEDLY SAID SEC WOULD NOT PUT HIM ON STAND BECAUSE HE WAS CONSIDERED HOSTILE WITNESS. NOT CLEAR WHY DEFENSE DID NOT CALL HIM EXCEPT THAT IT NOT YET READY TO PRESENT ITS FULL CASE.

2. FIGUERES REPORTEDLY WAS INVITED BY JUDGE TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH SEC LAWYERS BUT HE REFUSED.

3. JUDGE STEWART REPORTEDLY GREETED FIGUERES IN FRIENDLY FASHION AND HAD NICE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT PRESIDENT FIGUERES AND COSTA RICA, INCLUDING COMMENT THAT HE (JUDGE STEWART) HOPED TO VISIT COSTA RICA SOME DAY.

4. GOCR AND PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF SEC AND VESCO TRIAL WILL BE AFFECTED BY TREATMENT ACCORDED TO
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YOUNGER FIGUERES AT TRIAL. THIS ESPECAILLY TRUE
SINCE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT HE
ASKED SON TO GO TO NEW YORK TO TESTIFY. EMBASSY
THEREFOR REQUESTS FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNT OF
WHAT TRANSPIRED, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE
TO REASONS WHY FIGUERES WAS NOT ALLOWED TO
TESTIFY AND ANY STATEMENTS BY SEC REPRESENTATIVES
ABOUT FIGUERES AND COSTA RICA (PRESS REPORTED
THAT SOMEONE REFERRED TO COIEWYAOHV#" BANANA
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